

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

French Crisis

THE French political system, with its strangely nebulous party alliances, is at the best of times difficult for people outside of the country to understand; the latest crisis, which involves the constitution and may also end M. Faure's political career, is bewildering.

If its impact were purely domestic, interest would remain academic, but France's position in the world councils could be considerably affected by the composition of a new Assembly and the political affiliations of a new Cabinet. To this extent it is necessary to focus some attention on the outcome of the political crisis into which France has been thrown.

BEHIND the events of the past fortnight can be discerned a struggle for power between two of the nation's leading statesmen—M. Faure and M. Mendès-France. Both desire the Premiership although they are politically antipathetic. Mr. Faure did more than any other Deputy to bring about the fall of Faure's government by an absolute majority; it is also Mr. Faure who has led the movement for the expulsion of M. Faure from the Radical-Socialist Party.

Nevertheless, it would appear the political critics and opponents of the French Premier overreached themselves when they sent the Faure government down to crushing defeat, for this has enabled M. Faure to make use of his constitutional right to dissolve the Assembly, thereby obtaining his early general elections, but minus electoral reform.

M. Faure has also had to act quickly in order to forestall a move by the parliamentary Socialist Party to win a new Assembly debate on electoral reform. Dissolution is to be immediate, effective. This decision will doubtless magnify the wrath of his Radical-Socialist colleagues and may forfeit him popularity within the party.

FROM whichever way it is viewed, M. Faure's political position is a precarious one. He may get his early elections, but at the same time lose his party membership; and even if he succeeds in persuading his Party Congress to repudiate the motion for his expulsion, he must lose a measure of support among his adherents, sufficiently possibly to prevent him from securing the Premiership in the next government.

Man Without Gravity

What is it like when man has no gravity to keep him on his feet? A man who tried it, found it made him feel "lost in space".

Don't miss chapter four in our exciting feature "Journey to the Stars" in tomorrow's China Mail, written this week by Dr. Alan Slater.

This is only one of a number of topline features in the feature-packed Saturday Mail.

Watch out also for these—

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There are all your regular favourites as well including "Jane Roberts' film reviews, three pages of local and overseas news, a special section for women, a children's page, two pages of local and overseas sports reviews, cartoons, comic strips, puzzles and clues—all in the Saturday Mail.

# FAURE ACTS SWIFTLY

## Pres Coty Signs Dissolution Decree

### DEFEATS MOVE BY OPPONENTS

Paris, Dec. 2.

The Premier, M. Edgar Faure cut short all attempts to interfere with the smooth progress of the dissolution of the Assembly and new general elections by publishing the official decree announcing the dissolution in the official gazette this morning.

The decree was signed by the President of the Republic, M. Rene Coty, late last night.

Publication of the decree puts an end to the powers of the National Assembly. In consequence, the demand put forward yesterday by the Social and Radical deputies to call the Assembly together has now been successfully blocked.

It was also announced in official quarters that the date of the general election would be announced in a separate decree. This was understood to mean that the government hoped to find some legal loophole which would enable them to avoid holding elections on New Year's Day.

### Police Seize Mother And Her Son

Berlin, Dec. 1.

East German police have seized a refugee mother and her small son who walked into an entrance to the Communist-controlled city railway in West Berlin.

West Berlin citizens, standing outside the station, were powerless to answer her cries for help as Communist "People's Police" arrested the mother, Frau Johanna Schmidtke, and the boy.

They were able to forestall a Communist policeman who came out of the subway to try to arrest the woman's two daughters who were waiting outside.

An independent newspaper said today that Frau Schmidtke, who came to West Berlin with her family a few weeks ago, was waiting at the subway entrance for the arrival of an aunt bringing a birthday gift for the boy.

The boy suddenly ran down the steps to see if his aunt was coming and the mother left her daughters to call him back but was seized by police as soon as she entered the subway.

Witnesses just saw the mother and boy being driven away in a police van on the East Berlin side of the city boundary. The two girls were returned to their father in West Berlin.—China Mail Special.

### Artillery Duel

Gaza, Dec. 1.

A violent six-hour artillery duel between Egyptian and Israeli troops was still raging here late today despite attempts by United Nations neutral observers to halt it.

An Egyptian military spokesman said Israeli troops were using heavy artillery in the battle, which straddles the United Nations demarcation line.—France-Press.

### Explosion In Railway Stn

New York, Dec. 1.

A home-made bomb exploded tonight in a men's room in Grand Central Station in midtown Manhattan during the height of the evening rush hour.

The police said no one was injured.

The authorities said the blast apparently was the work of the "mad bomber of Manhattan," who has been plaguing police for 15 years by planting home-made bombs in public places.

An explosion occurred more than a year ago in the same room.

Police said six persons were in the 35 by 15 foot room when the blast occurred. The explosion shattered marble furnishings and hurled debris throughout the room. But the occupants were only shaken up.—United Press.

### Truck Explodes: Nine Killed

Placenta, Italy, Dec. 1.

A truck loaded with World War II bombs exploded today and almost destroyed a war material salvage plant, killing nine men.

The blast rocked the "Seler" company plant between Gazola and Agazzano, 18 miles south of here. It killed all nine men loading a truck with World War II bombs and explosives salvaged from the Appennines area, where U.S. 8th Army and Nazi troops fought in 1944 and 1945.

The victims included Giacomo Bassi, owner of "Seler" firm and four private policemen, two Italian army artillery experts, two truck drivers, the last of whose identities were not identified.—United Press.



M. FAURE

### H-Bomb Test Motion By Attlee

London, Dec. 1.

Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour opposition, tonight urged the government to try to get agreement with the United States and Russia to stop further experimental explosions of the hydrogen bomb.

He put forward a motion to this effect for action by the House of Commons, after a meeting of the Labour parliamentary party tonight.

Parliamentary quarters considered the government would probably find time for debate on the motion during the week after next.

The motion is worded in such a way that it would be difficult for any member on either side of the House to vote against it. But the government may put forward an amendment.

THE MOTION

The motion asks the House to "welcome an approach by the government to the governments of the United States and the USSR with a view to concluding an agreement for the cessation of further experimental explosions of the hydrogen bomb".

In the House of Commons earlier today, Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, said the question of controlling explosions of hydrogen and atomic weapons was "not a matter of emotion but a technical problem of very great difficulty".

He was answering questions by a Labour member who suggested stopping all nuclear explosions pending a United Nations report on the effects of radiation.—Reuter.

### No Pension For Widow?

Nicosia, Dec. 1.

Mrs Monica Shipman, 29-year-old widow of Sergeant James Shipman, killed by Cyprus terrorists a week ago, said tonight she will not get a military pension because her husband was shot before the proclamation of a state of emergency.

Mrs Shipman, who leaves for her home in Colby, Isle of Man, tomorrow, said she had been told by the military authorities that as her husband had been killed while on his way home and almost destroyed a war material salvage plant, killing nine men.

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### UN PACKAGE DEAL DEBATE

## Britain & Russia Back Canadian Resolution

United Nations, Dec. 1.

Canada, backed by Russia and Britain, today appealed to the United Nations to admit 13 Western-sponsored and five Communist nations so the UN may "reflect the real world".

The Canadian delegate, Mr Paul Martin, speaking for Canada and 28 other nations, proposed that new members "not be required to meet stricter standards than those which have been applied in the past".

His appeal opened the membership debate in the Special UN Political Committee, and the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, Mr V. V. Kuznetsov, and Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain immediately spoke in support of his proposal.

Russia and Britain were not among the 29 nations that now sponsor the resolution introduced by Mr Martin calling for admission of all those countries which we regard as really meriting admission to the United Nations.—United Press.

Mr Kuznetsov defended the rights of Communist Albania, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Outer Mongolia to membership in the UN as the five Red-sponsored nations in a proposed "package deal". He especially emphasized the qualifications of Outer Mongolia for membership.

US ATTITUDE

The US representative, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., has announced that the US feels Outer Mongolia cannot "make the grade" for membership. The Americans plan to abstain in the voting on all five Communist nations.—Following them to join the world body.

Washington China announced it would vote Outer Mongolia—thereby killing the "package deal" since Russia has insisted it is all 18 or none.

Sir Pierson Dixon attacked the Soviet "all or nothing" attitude today and charged that the Russian position was "unhelpful". Britain, "wholeheartedly supported" the Canadian effort to break the membership deadlock, he said, and the British government hoped the Canadian efforts "would meet with success".

SOVIET CHARGE

Mr Kuznetsov, speaking in support of the resolution, charged that the US on the basis of statements by Mr Lodge appeared not prepared to support the proposal to admit the 18 States.

He said the US appeared in favour of voting for 13 Western-sponsored nations and against the four European Communist States as well as Outer Mongolia.

The US made it clear it will not vote or campaign against any of the five Communist States, although it particularly opposed the admission of Outer Mongolia on the grounds that it is not actually a State but "a Communist creation".

This now is the position of the Nationalist Chinese, who maintain that Outer Mongolia actually has been "carved out" of China by the Communists.

A Chinese vote will kill the Outer Mongolian bid for membership since all applicants must have seven out of 11 Security Council votes—including an affirmative vote or abstention from the Big Five.

"UNHELPFUL"

Russia's insistence on the admission of 18 countries at one stroke is "unhelpful, to say the least," Sir Pierson said.

Sir Pierson revealed during debate on the UN membership problem that the British delegation "is not wedded to the view that the solution must be to admit all 18".

"Indeed, we consider that the position of the Soviet Union is unhelpful, to say the least, and a good deal more could be said about the propriety of such a take-it-or-leave-it approach to the problem."

But if there is a general agreement on all 18, that solution will have our support. Our only wish is to break the deadlock and we shall accept any solution within the terms

of the Canadian resolution (calling for admission of 18 States) which does this and obtains admission of all those countries which we regard as really meriting admission to the United Nations.—United Press.

### London Police Probe

## NAMES OF 6 OFFICERS CLEARED

London, Dec. 1.

Sir John Nott-Bower, London's Metropolitan Police Commissioner, today disclosed that an investigation into allegations of graft against members of his force had cleared six of the eight officers concerned.

But inquiries were still going on concerning another policeman, while the eighth man—Detective Sergeant Robert James Robertson—was gaoled this week with a lawyer and another man for conspiring to fake evidence at the trial of a criminal.

The police chief said in a statement that Detective Superintendent Herbert Hannam had interviewed 30 people in the investigation which arose out of complaints by a prisoner named Joseph Grech.

CONSPIRACY

Grech alleged conspiracy by Robertson and others—subsequently proved correct—to pervert the course of justice and perjury or corruption by Robertson, another detective, one uniform inspector and five uniform constables.

At the time all those concerned, apart from the two detectives, were attached to the West End central police station C Division.

The statement continued: "All Grech's allegations, the majority of which were based on hearsay, have been fully investigated by Superintendent Hannam, except that concerning one officer which is still the subject of further inquiries."

NO EVIDENCE

"Apart from this case, and that of Robertson... no evidence has been found by Superintendent Hannam to substantiate any of Grech's allegations."

When allegations of "widespread corruption" were first published in newspapers recently, Sir John Nott-Bower visited C Division to tell the men there of his confidence in their integrity. Government spokesmen in the House of Commons also vindicated the police.—Reuter.

Reds Close Berlin Bridge

Berlin, Dec. 1.

The East German "People's Police" today blocked off the Oberbaumbrücke, a bridge linking East Berlin and the American sector of Berlin.

One of the policemen told a West German official that he thought the move was a security measure, because a pillar of the bridge would have to undergo repairs.

The bridge was closed only to vehicles. Two small passages were left for pedestrians, who were checked by the police.—France-Press.

### London Tube Train Smash

London, Dec. 2.

Twenty thousand Londoners sat and twiddled their thumbs yesterday evening when 16 underground trains were held up following a collision between two trains.

The accident caused 27 injuries.

Following an electric power failure the driver of one train was understood to have decided to profit from an incline, leading down into a station. He thought he could run down and link up with a train already stationary in the station, thus allowing his passengers to walk from one train to the other and so reach the station platform.

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### DIVER DRAMATICALLY RESCUED

Washington, Dec. 1.

Rescue crews fought a winning six-hour battle today to save a Navy diver who was trapped on the bottom of the icy Patuxent River when his life line became fouled on an old anchor.

The diver, Joseph Pallarico, was trapped 130 feet below the surface at 11:15 a.m. EST. Shortly after 6 p.m. the Navy in Washington said Pallarico had been brought to the surface alive.

The rescue capped hours of feverish activity in which the Navy rushed a squad of follow divers to the scene and brought in a special decompression chamber to care for Pallarico. At one point during the rescue efforts, the Navy had described the diver's situation as "grave".

The scene of the near tragedy was about a quarter of a mile off Point Patuxent, near where the river empties into Chesapeake Bay. It is one of the deepest parts of the bay, which cuts Maryland into Eastern and Western "shores" and is near the Navy's Patuxent air station.—United Press.

6 DIE IN FIRE

Tokyo, Dec. 2.

Police today reported six persons were killed in a fire which destroyed six houses in Aomori prefecture, Northern Japan, late last night.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire.—Reuter.

### Terrorists Threaten To Kill Judges

Nicosia, Dec. 1.

Terrorists in Cyprus threatened today to execute judges who pass the death sentence on "patriots."

Leaflets circulated by the EOKA organisation, demanding union of the British colony with Greece, said "execution squads" had already been organised to kill the judges.

They also called on the judges to resign "otherwise they will be as guilty as the Cyprus government itself."

One Cypriot is under sentence of death for killing a policeman in connection with the current campaign for union of the island with Cyprus. He is 22-year-old Michael Karasolis.

The leaflets also denied reports of a split between EOKA and Archbishop Makarios, the Greek orthodox church leader who heads the "Union with Greece" campaign.

"A HOLY SYMBOL"

"For us, Archbishop Makarios is a holy symbol of our struggle," they declared.

A home-made bomb exploded today on the ground floor of the offices of Cyprus Airways—a subsidiary of British Overseas Airways Corporation and British European Airways—in Nicosia. An Armenian worker was injured.

Restrictions on the ringing of church bells in the Colony were announced today. During recent riots they have signalled the approach of troops.

The authorities declared today that in future the bells could only be rung for divine service and for special occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.—Reuter.

### Excommunication Decree Lifted

New York, Dec. 1.

Bishop Jules Jeannard of Lafayette today lifted his excommunication decree against two women accused of beating a Roman Catholic teacher who instructed negro and white children in the same catechism classroom.

In a statement the Bishop said the women "have indicated to their pastor their repentance."

Bishop Jeannard imposed the excommunication on Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes church at Erath, a small southwest Louisiana community, 15 miles south of Lafayette.

Excommunication is the severest punishment which the Roman Catholic Church can impose on its members. Under it the excommunicated person cannot receive the sacraments, including confession, communion and last rites.—Reuter.

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# West Faces Problems In Berlin

## COULD RENOUNCE CONTROL IN BONN'S FAVOUR

London, Dec. 1.  
East Germany's absorptions of East Berlin—now stated by the Russians to have taken place—will pose big problems for the Western powers, diplomatic sources here said today.

One of the major decisions will be whether they should renounce their own control over Berlin in favour of the West German Government in Bonn.

The Western powers are still probing the Soviet attitude to those which allow Western troops to stay in the Federal Republic. Such an arrangement would limit the scope of the forces, perhaps making it impossible to assist the West Berlin authorities in keeping order. Observers here believe that because of this and other possible complications, the Western powers would be reluctant to yield their authority over West Berlin—China Mail Special.

### Leading Advocate

The late Dr. Ernst Reuter, who won world fame as West Berlin's Lord Mayor during the Russian blockade of the city in 1948, was the leading advocate of such a step.

His followers maintain that the technical integration of West Berlin into the Western Federation would be the logical follow-up of the present division of Germany into Communist and Western democratic areas.

They also contend that the greater part of the former capital, impoverished by both its wartime devastation and its postwar isolation, should become the economic responsibility of the prosperous West German State. At present it receives only economic "assistance" from Bonn.

The Western powers have always frowned on the proposal holding that it was fraught with serious domestic and international difficulties.

In the first place, it would put the West Berliners at the mercy of the Communist regime which is the puppet of Moscow, it was maintained.

### Limit Scope

For the Western allies themselves, the merging of West Berlin into the West German Federation would create a number of difficulties, especially over the status of their forces in the city.

These are at present under the four-power agreements on the occupation of Berlin. If the occupation were to be formally abolished the troops would have to remain there as a

Western defence outpost under agreements similar to those which allow Western troops to stay in the Federal Republic.

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## Jews Fear Persecution In Russia

Paris, Dec. 1.  
THE European office of the American Jewish committee said today it feared a new attack on Jews in the Soviet Union following a spate of newspaper reports emphasizing names of alleged Jewish perpetrators of political crimes.

The committee recalled that this technique appeared during anti-semitic campaigns in the Soviet Union in 1932 and 1933.

The latest series of articles began in August with an attack in Sovetskaya Torgovaya, the organ of the Soviet Trade Ministry, on the Assistant Manager of a State Restaurant in Novgorod. The man named Kreiman, was charged with enriching himself at state expense.

His Jewish origin was emphasized by repetition of his first name and that of his father, Abram Lazarevitch.

Other crime reports made repeated use of the full names of a teacher, Noyssvitch Schein, and a lawyer named Finkelshtein. Normal Russian newspaper practice is to use only an initial and a surname.—Reuter.

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Statues of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron and his late wife Eva are shown covered with soot prior to their removal from the roof of the still unfinished building of the "Eva Peron Social Aid Fund." Removal is by order of the new Argentine Government. The statues are seven metres high and each weighs 30 tons. They are the work of Italian sculptor Tommasi.—Express Photo.

## Japan Will Strengthen Ties With Anti-Communist Nations

Tokyo, Dec. 1.  
Japan's Diet will be convened today and the government is expected to outline a foreign policy of continued friendship with the West while pushing peace negotiations with Russia.

The Diet will meet at 11 a.m. as a two-party Parliament for the first time since the 1930's.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama and Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu—key officials in the new Conservative government—will speak on the government's domestic and foreign policies.

Mr. Shigemitsu is expected to emphasize that, wanting of the "Geneva spirit" and increased tensions in the Middle East require Japan to strengthen its alliances with the anti-Communist world.

But Mr. Shigemitsu also is expected to tell the Diet that the government wants to continue negotiations in London with Soviet Russia to complete Tokyo's final world war peace treaty.

The Foreign Minister probably will discuss the unsolved world war indemnity question with the Philippines and recommend an early settlement with Manila.

Mr. Hatoyama's new government, formed two weeks ago after two conservative parties merged, is not expected to introduce any radically new policies.

The Diet recessed 10 days ago, immediately after the conservative merger, and is being convened for a 15-day session.—United Press.

Oslo, Dec. 1.  
For the first time in 20 years, a Conservative was elected Mayor of Oslo tonight.

The new Mayor, Mr. R. G. Fjotanger, beat the retiring Socialist Mayor, Brynjulf Bull, by 44 votes to 41, thanks to the support of the Liberal and Christian parties.—France-Press.

## 49 MORE DEAD IN SAVAGE PI STORMS

Manila, Dec. 1.  
DELAYED reports from the southern Philippines, lashed for three days by two savage storms, revealed 49 more deaths and extensive damage to crops and property today.

A Philippines News Service dispatch from Iligan City in Mindanao Island said two boats in Lake Lanao capsized at the height of the storms and of the 50 passengers aboard only one survived. The Lake Lanao disaster boosted the overall death toll to 85 dead and an undetermined number of missing, although the latest Daily Mirror tabulation said the twin storms caused "over 145 casualties."

But the PMS said last night a dispatch received by the Mirror from its correspondents yesterday saying 80 had drowned between Cebu and Bohol was "false."—United Press.

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# STRENGTHENED NATO ANSWER TO RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE

—Richard Nixon

Washington, Dec. 1.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon believes that a strengthened North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is the answer to Russia's attitude at the recent Geneva conference.

"No effort should be spared" in increasing the West's European defences in view of Russia's tactics at the Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting, Mr Nixon told the United Press in an exclusive interview.

A high diplomatic official said Mr Nixon's view reflects the official position of the Administration. The official said great importance is being attached to the next meeting of NATO officials in December 1956 in Paris. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will attend the session.

## Molotov Accused

## Molotov Sees Hamlet

Moscow, Dec. 1. Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr Anastas Mikoyan, a First Deputy Prime Minister, today exchanged words in vodka and Caucasian wine with five British actors after watching them perform Hamlet in English.

They spent nearly two hours together after the play. Mr Molotov and Mr Mikoyan and other Soviet leaders paid a surprise visit to the Moscow theatre where the British Tonnent Company's Hamlet has been showing for the past week. — China Mail Special.

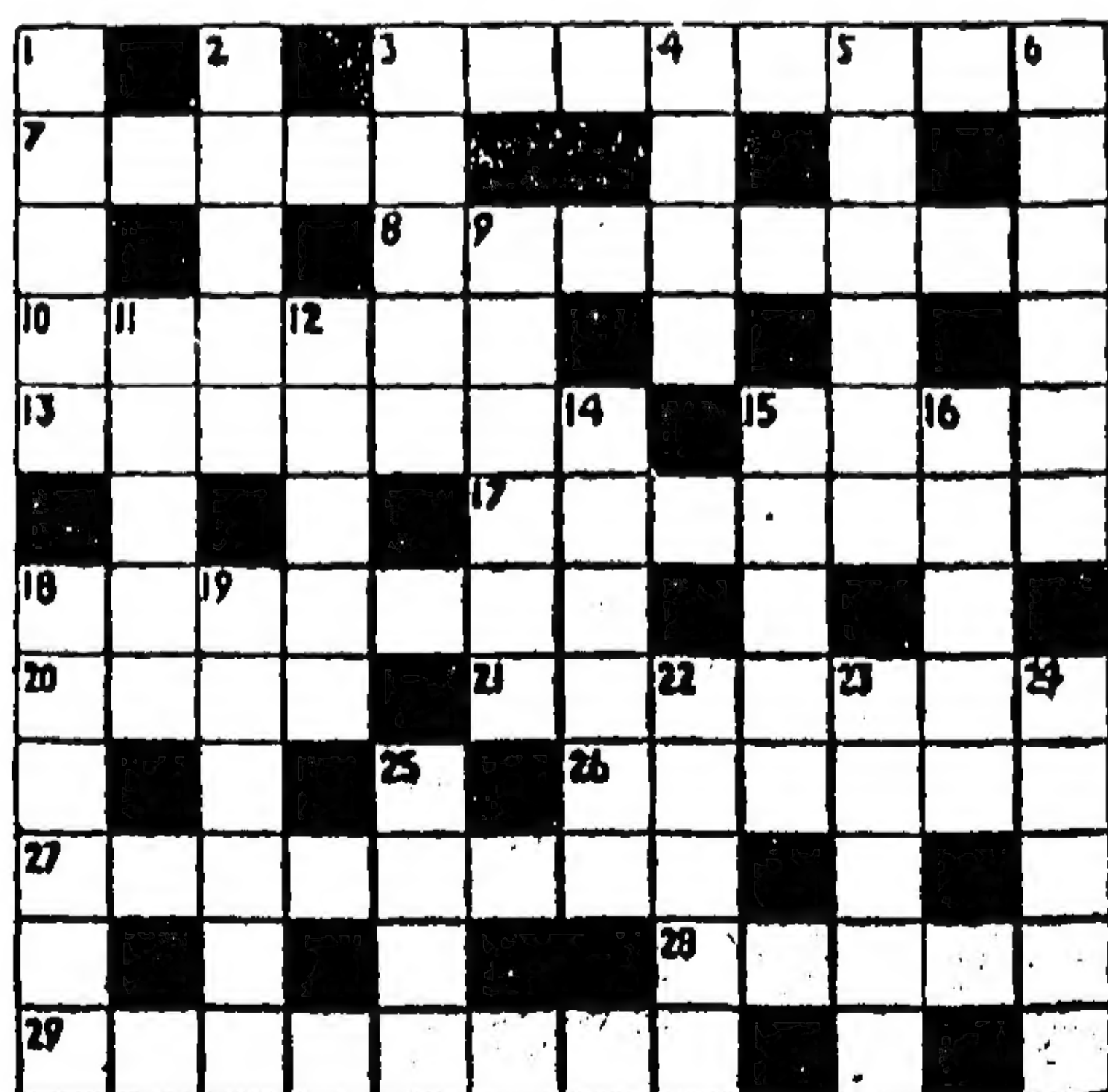
## La Prensa Chief Returns From Political Exile

Buenos Aires, Dec. 1. Dr. Alberto Galimberti, Paz, Director of La Prensa, came home tonight after nearly five years as a political exile. He will take over the newspaper which was confiscated by the Peron dictatorship in 1951.

Provisional President Pedro E. Aramburu issued a decree-law yesterday ordering the world-famous newspaper returned to the Paz family and rescinding the 1951 Peron law under which La Prensa was seized.

Ten hundreds of former La Prensa employees went to Buenos Aires International Ezeiza Airport to welcome their chief. Prof. Alberto Guaranta, who led the loyal staff's long fight against ousted dictator Juan Peron, greeted Galimberti in their name. — United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Savoury dish (8).
- 7 Flower (5).
- 8 Revising (8).
- 10 Doctor (6).
- 13 Go before (7).
- 16 Crippled (4).
- 17 Came in (7).
- 18 Novelty (7).
- 20 Poems (4).
- 21 Containers for soup (7).
- 23 Enjoy (8).
- 25 Insult (8).
- 28 Subject (8).
- 29 Makes bigger (8).

### DOWN

- 1 Part of a wicket (5).
- 2 Dodge (5).
- 3 Room (5).
- 4 Of sound mind (4).
- 5 Stringed instrument (8).
- 6 Dropped (6).
- 9 Demure (6).
- 11 Went astray (5).
- 12 Sacred figures (5).
- 14 Make certain of (6).
- 15 Horizontal (5).
- 16 Intends (5).
- 18 Observe (6).
- 19 Rejoice (6).
- 22 Kind of duck (5).
- 24 Perpendicular (6).
- 25 Rank (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Forces, 5 Dunes, 8 Doves, 9 Apple, 10 Thail, 11 Ugly, 13 Cease, 16 De, 17 18 Tense, 20 Stern, 23 Blue, 24 Ogle, 25 Abide, 26 Ritual, 27 Bored, 28 Chase, 29 Defiant. Down: 1 Features, 2 Escalate, 3 Eat, 4 Bollocks, 5 Defect, 6 Unites, 7 Claws, 14 Attitude, 15 Expelled, 16 Dangers, 17 Severed, 19 Erodes, 21 Tubers, 24 Side.

## United Nations At The Crossroads

United Nations, Dec. 1.

EGYPT called on the United Nations today to rise above political differences and admit 18 new members in the interests of world peace.

The Egyptian Minister, Abdel Meguid Hamad, told the UN Special Political Committee during the opening debate on membership.

"We are now at the crossroads. World opinion calls for a solution. The hour of supreme decision has come. The spirit and letter of the Charter of the United Nations would be enlightened by the admission of these 18 new members."

"The prestige of our organisation would be strengthened and the sphere of its action widened if higher justice succeeds in removing the obstacles."

## More Effective

"The work of international co-operation would be more effective if we were to give to the world, which is awaiting our decision, the salutary example of what men of good-will can do when they know how to rise above their differences in the interests of world peace."

Egypt served with Peru and the Netherlands on the UN Committee of Good Offices, which has tried for two years to reconcile East-West differences on membership.

"We used the zeal of apostles," he declared, "and no obstacle and no difficulty was allowed to dampen our faith or our enthusiasm."

While the Committee refrained from making any distinction between the 18 applicants, Mr Hamad said, it would like to mention particularly Libya and Jordan, which are joined to us by many affinities and by links of heart, culture and common traditions. Furthermore, these nations have fully and nobly carried out their international obligations. — United Press.

## Ike Will Help GOP To Put Their Case

Chicago, Dec. 1. President Eisenhower said in a telegram to the Republican National Committee today that he would "do everything in my power next year to help you report the Republican record accurately and fully to the country."

President Eisenhower's telegram was sent to the Committee while it was meeting here to prepare the next National Convention of the Party, which will be held in San Francisco next August 20.

Certain Republican leaders considered the Eisenhower telegram to mean that the President would aid Republican candidates in their campaigns, whether or not he decides to be a candidate himself.

In his telegram, President Eisenhower said: "You have a splendid record to submit to the voters in 1956. I personally am proud of Republican achievements for the peace and the prosperity and the security of the American people. I shall do everything in my power next year to help you report the record accurately and fully to the country." — France-Press.

## ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

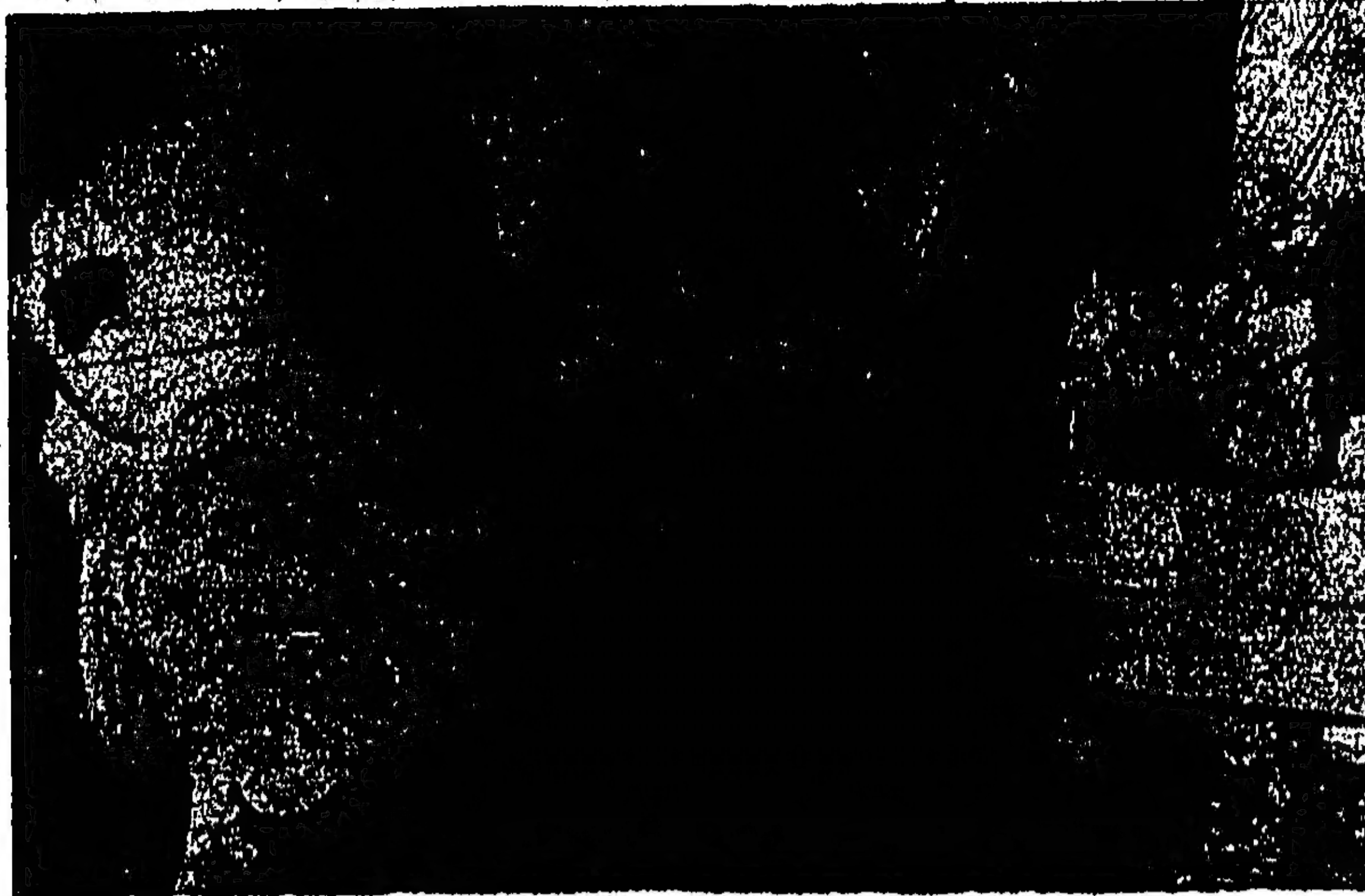
Salisbury, Dec. 1. A road safety organisation has opened a campaign in Southern Rhodesia in an attempt to cut the mounting toll of road accidents, which killed 188 people in the first nine months of 1955.

The Government is supporting the campaign, under which it is proposed to promote road safety activity in every town in Southern Rhodesia. — China Mail Special.

## NEW TOWN

Hyderabad, Dec. 1. The Government has completed plans to build a new town of Thatta at Makli Hills, lower Sind, to which many thousands of people fled when Indus floodwaters hit when the old town in August.

The new town will have a population of about 40,000. — China Mail Special.



Dancers at the Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia, were through the flooded ballroom following a terrorist bomb explosion. The bombing occurred a few hours after the island's Governor, Field-Marshal Sir John Harding, had declared a state of emergency on the island. Five persons were wounded in the explosion. The bomb went off near a table reserved for the Governor, but he was not there. A radiator was shattered by the blast, flooding the ballroom. Later a second bomb was discovered there. — Express Photo.

## Kefauver Attacks

## Aid Cut Back

Oklahoma City, Dec. 1. Senator Estes Kefauver today criticised the Eisenhower Administration for cutting back US economic aid to Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

In contrast, he said, Russia is preparing a new economic and political offensive.

"It will be no wonder that when the Democrats return to



Sen. Kefauver

power in the White House in 1956 that a sigh of relief will rise from the Foreign Offices of every friendly nation in the world," he said.

In a speech prepared for the National Convention of Young Democrats he said the Democrats will point to the Eisenhower Administration's "grave mistakes" in foreign policy during the 1955 US political campaign.

"We will point to the lack of imagination, the lack of resourcefulness, in meeting new conditions in world affairs," he said. "We will point to the bumbling, the vagueness, the indecision and in many cases the sterile inflexibility which has come to characterise the conduct of our foreign affairs." — United Press.

## 'Legalised Highway Robbery'

Bloemfontein, Dec. 1. Motorists boycotted parking meters when they were installed in Bloemfontein—the first time they have been tried out in South Africa.

In Mallard Street, where parking space used to be almost unobtainable, a rush hour hardly a parked car can be seen even at busy times of the day.

One city councillor, Mr Eric Rosendorff, attacked the attempt to half-hour parking charges as a form of "legalised highway robbery." — China Mail Special.

## BALLROOM BOMBED

## Indian Soil Not Fertile For Lenin's Cult

New Delhi, Dec. 1.

Mr Shriman Narayan, Secretary of the ruling Congress Party said today: "There can be no compromise between the ideologies of Lenin and Gandhi."

He quoted Gandhi as saying "it is my implicit faith that India will not be able to imbibe communism and that Lenin's cult will not take root in this soil."

Mr Narayan's views appearing in today's issue of the party organ Economic Review was the first official comment by the Congress party on the visit to India of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leaders.

Mr Narayan said Marshal Bulganin stated in Bombay that Lenin and Gandhi had "many points in common" and had taught people to free their country and build up independence.

achievement of social and economic freedom." He added: "Marx and Lenin followed a very different path. There can be no compromise between the ideologies of Lenin and Gandhi."

India had no intention of interfering with the ideologies of other countries nor could she afford to allow any other country to interfere with the Indian way of life.

"We sincerely believe in the philosophy of 'live and let live' or 'co-existence,'" Mr Narayan said.

A joint declaration, signed when Mr Nehru the Indian Prime Minister visited Moscow had made it very clear that India and Russia would not interfere in each other's internal matters. — Reuters.

Bonn, Dec. 1. The West German Defence Ministry today named a fourth general to the budding West German army.

He is General von Radowicz, who will direct the Ministry's recruiting services. — France-Press.

## US Must Continue Race For Better Weapons

New York, Dec. 1.

Presidential assistant Sherman Adams declared here tonight that the United States must continue to keep forging ahead in the race for intercontinental missiles and more modern and powerful atomic weapons.

Mr Adams made his speech, following a meeting earlier today of the US National Security Council, under the chairmanship of President Eisenhower, at Camp David, Maryland, some 25 miles from Mr Eisenhower's farm at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Informed circles considered today's meeting of the National Security Council as an important one in the setting up of the American foreign and military policy for 1956.

These circles indicated that President Eisenhower may now plan to ask Congress for a larger military budget than the present military allocation of \$4 billion dollars.

## Must Still Arm

Mr Adams said in his speech tonight that while the United States continues to seek better conditions for peace, the disappointment of the recent Geneva Big Four foreign ministers' conference has shown that the United States must still arm herself.

Mr Adams said that the heart attack that President Eisenhower suffered several months ago was the result of the years of anxiety that Mr

Eisenhower had lived through during the Second World War.

This explains why Mr Eisenhower "has considered peace the great goal of all his efforts since he was elected," Mr Adams said.

And this explains why all of his efforts will continue to be dedicated to peace, Mr Adams concluded. — France-Press.

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Alexandria, Dec. 1. Stacks of smart dresses, furs, bathing costumes and stockings confiscated "for the benefit of the people" from ex-Princess Faiza, one of exiled King Farouk's four sisters, fetched barely \$1,100 at an auction here.

A series of splendid furs went for \$1,000. The Princess' 16 bathing costumes were sold at \$1 each, although some of them originally cost ten times as much.

Snapped Up  
Sixty-six pairs of sheep nylon stockings were snapped up by women crowding the sale for between ten shillings and five shillings each. Blouses and shirts fell to the hammer for \$1 and ten shillings respectively.

An official reported that one American woman bought a carnival costume for \$1.

Most of the Parisian evening gowns of the former Princess, however, found no buyers. She is unusually tall and in the words of the official, "the women who attended the sale were not the right size."

Princess Faiza, now in her early thirties, is the prettiest of the former King Farouk's four sisters. Since her brother lost the throne of Egypt in 1952, she has lived with her mother in Turkey. — China Mail Special.

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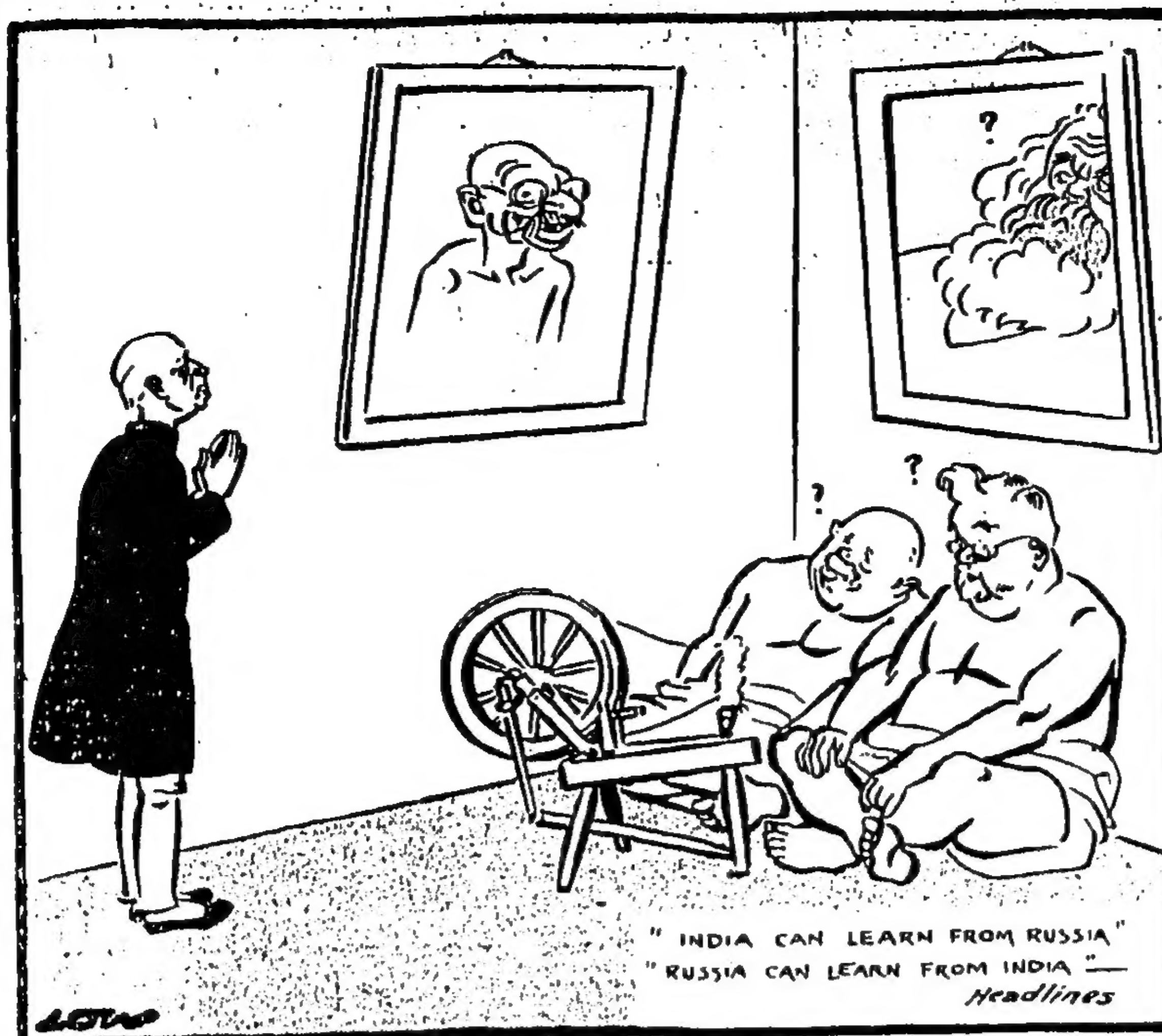
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"I Never Said It," says **BEN HECHT**

## HIS NAME WAS MUD IN BRITAIN

By **RENE MacCOLL**

**B**EN HECHT said that he never said it.

Mr Hecht was telling me earnestly about the phrase which was attributed to him back in 1946, which caused a furore all over the world—but especially in Britain—and which has ever since dogged his name as a brief phrase has rarely dogged any man's name.

For in 1946, when British troops in Palestine were becoming the almost daily victims of terrorism, murder included, Hecht was alleged to have said that every time he heard that another British soldier had been killed, "he lit a little flame of the everlasting in his heart."

Overnight the former newspaper reporter who broke into the big money with his co-authorhip of the classic newspaper play about Chicago, "The Front Page," and who had followed it with a long string of big successes ("Crime Without Pardon," "The Second Trial," "Nothing Sacred," and the screen version of Coward's "Design for Living") became a figure to hate.

**Worn Out**

NOW he has arrived in England—for his first visit since 1918.

As we sat together on the sofa in the suite of that little hotel off Mount Street, Mayfair, which Hollywood has made almost its own of late, Hecht confessed that he was worn out because he had not been able to sleep for the last two nights at sea.

Why not?  
"I got so excited—thought I was young again, I guess." But to the big question: "Why did you say it, Mr Hecht? Do you expect us to forgive you?" Hecht turned to me gravely. His manner is charming, his voice low, almost diffident.

"What I actually said was this: 'There are certain Jews of whom I am one, who feel a sense of excitement and triumph whenever we read of Jewish victories in Palestine or when British forts and posts are toppled.' That's what I said."

**Felt Sorry**

"BUT how in the world did the statement get so twisted?" I demanded.

"Because I was in hospital at the time I made it. I was doing some 'copy' for a 3,000-word advertisement for the 'Jewish Zvai L'umi' (the Jewish terrorist group). I swear that no such phrase was in the 'copy' I wrote, but—well, we had some firebrands in our organisation and they must have put it in."

Hecht sighed. His blue eyes looked weary. He crossed his legs. His brown suede shoes looked scuffed.

He went on: "I've always felt sorry that 'the other side' in our final struggle for independence had to be the British. You were the first and only high-class enemy we have ever fought."

He suddenly got excited at that time over the fact that a bunch of Jews had decided to get up off their knees, eyes in Palestine and start to yell for freedom.

The consequent ban on Hecht's films in Britain had very tangible results, it seems. "In Hollywood they screamed with terror at the thought of losing the British market as a result of me and what I'd said. 'I figure I dropped 80 per cent of my income for four or five years in a row. I had to start writing for magazines.' I gazed at him in astonishment.

"But knowing that it was all wrong, that you were the object of scorn and hatred because of what the world thought you had said, and all the time facing this serious loss of income, why in the world didn't you speak out sooner?"

His lips sagged into a smile. He passed a hand over his thin, grey hair.

"Well, you see, I don't believe in denials. If a thing's done,

it's done—and you can deny it all you're blue in the face, and it often doesn't help much. I never want to correct people. "But," I asked, "you are correcting now because?"

"Because now I'm in England. I don't mind trying to correct the record."

**Too Busy**

WE passed to other things. Why had he never left the United States even once since the 1914 war ended?

"Too busy. But now I've done so at last I shall probably stay away for a year or so."

Hecht is a pessimist about "nothing except politics and politicians. I love everything else that men do."

His next book will concern itself with "the disappearance

of intelligence from the human beings of the world, and its inundation by politics."

He feels strongly about TV. "I've done scripts for about 10 TV shows—and I loathe the medium! You're writing for something which is unreal and meaningless (but at present all-conquering) when you write for TV."

The written word is being crushed and rendered extinct. Book publishers who receive novels these days shudder from head to foot. Nobody reads novels any more.

"Only thing they'll read is books about How to Love What, How to East Nothing, How to Get Up in the Morning, How to Learn to Laugh."

"We're back with the toms-toms again. In America huge quantities of people do nothing except sit staring at TV screens for hours and hours."

"Just look and listen, that's the motto. But never read. No, never read. It's too much trouble to read."

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY --- By STELLA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**BORN** today you are extremely fond of excitement and activity. You probably would not be too content living your entire lifetime in the country, for you find urban living so full of the pump and rush up which you seem to thrive. You enjoy competition and the faster to have to hurry around to overcome an opponent, the happier you are when success arrives.

You have many of the talents of the inventor and are always figuring out new ways and means to do a job. You may make your fortune in some invention. You have good business ability and will know how to promote your ideas and exploit on them.

In addition, you have artistic capabilities which you may use and develop to great advantage. You are a deep thinker and you will find self becoming a profession in the future and that it is a life's work that you will become a person rather than a participant. You will be one to offer financial aid to a young, aspiring musician, author or artist. You will, however, in return expect production and something to show for your aid.

It would not be well for you to try and stay on a routine, set job for eventually, you would become dissatisfied and unhappy. Find work which will give you a chance to show your ingenuity and utilize your initiative.

Among those born on this date are: Paul Althaus, actor; Harry Flagler, founder, Joseph Goldstein and Franklin L. Pope, inventors; John Blackwelder and F. B. Kellough, chemists; Jesse Crawford, biologist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—If your ambitions are burning at the moment, be content with making plans today. Postpone action.

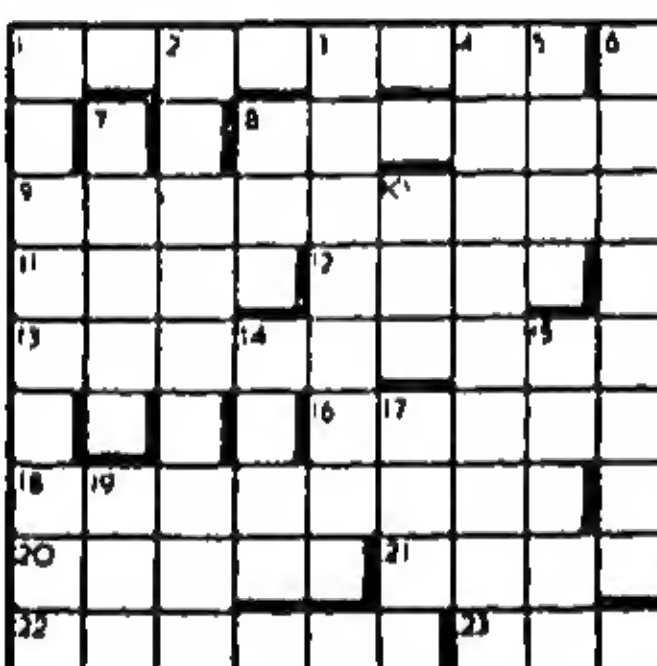
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—It would be all too easy to give the wrong impression of you today. Be careful.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The crop of ideas in your mind today is abundant. Do not let your popularity be diminished.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—This can be a good time to give a visit and see friends you may not have seen for a long time.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't be too sure of your hand today.

## CROSSWORD



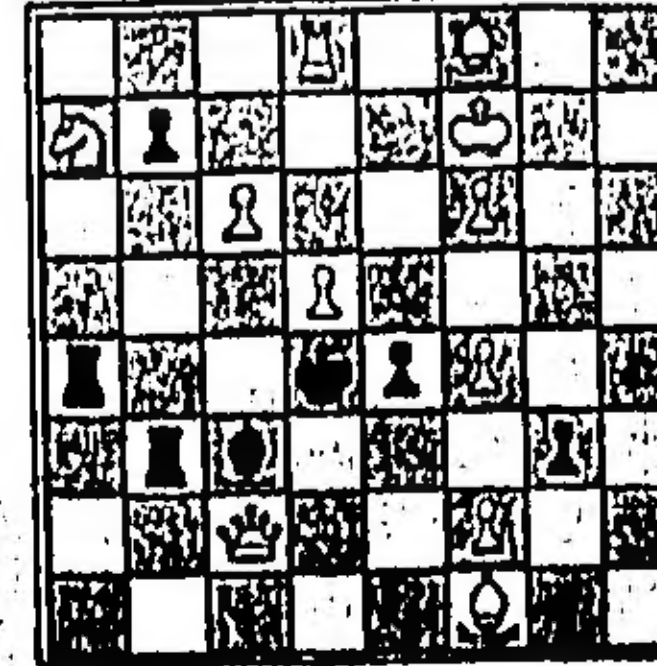
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## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.  
Black, 7 pieces.  
White to play; mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
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# Mau Mau Well Fed In Central Kenya FATTER & STRONGER THAN YEAR AGO

By Henderson Gall

Nyeri, Central Kenya, Dec. 1.  
Mau Mau terrorists, living off the  
produce of European farms in this area,  
are fatter and stronger than they were a  
year ago, according to police officers here.

This contrasts with the picture  
obtained from the Government Informa-  
tion Office in Nairobi, which is, briefly, that  
gangsters are hunted and hungry, and so  
desperate for food that they will fall a  
comparatively easy target to the Security  
Forces.

The Information Office's  
picture is, admittedly, an over-  
all view of the Emergency, now  
in its third year, whereas the  
Nyeri area is one of several.  
But, according to Army Intelli-  
gence, Nyeri is today's most  
trouble spot, gangs being better  
organised and tougher here  
than elsewhere.

It is easy to see why Nyeri is  
important.

It lies between the moun-  
tainous Aberdare and Mount  
Kenia forests, where the main  
terrorist leaders such as Dedan  
Kimathi and Stanley Mathenge  
hide away. It is a European  
settled area, with plentiful  
supplies of food available to  
gangs who can make quick  
getaways.

## Once A Hotbed

Further, whereas the Native  
Reserves outside the hotbed of  
Mau Mau are now so closely  
controlled that terrorists receive  
virtually no support there in  
the way of food, shelter or  
equipment, and the forest areas  
proper are so regularly patrolled  
that gangs are always on the  
move, life in the settled areas  
is comparatively easy for them.  
There is thus an incentive  
for infiltration, and the creation  
of a menacing situation which  
may have nasty repercussions.  
So far, the gangs seem content  
to feed themselves without  
taking aggressive action against  
farmers.

The main difficulty, I was  
told repeatedly by police officers  
on the spot, is the support  
given to gangs by the Kikuyu  
labour on the huge European  
farms which stretch for as  
much as 75,000 acres across  
high grasslands, bordering on  
the forest scrub.  
Much of this labour is what  
they describe as "rotten". The  
great majority of these workers  
have taken the Mau Mau oath.  
There are few Kikuyu any-  
where who have not. In addi-  
tion, many of the terrorists in  
the area have relatives among  
the labourers to whom they  
appear as heroes and warriors  
in the traditional style.  
These workers have ex-  
perienced little of the discom-  
fort of the Kikuyu in the Re-  
serves who are virtually forced  
to co-operate with loyal Kikuyu  
chief, and Government officers.  
In fact many observers here  
agree that this is what the  
"change of heart" among the  
Kikuyu really amounts to.

## Labour Short

Labour is short in Kenya  
generally since it is admitted  
that the Kikuyu were and are  
the best workers, and many of  
them are lodged now in deten-  
tion camps.

Thus, to remove sections of  
this contaminated labour whole-  
sale from the settled areas  
would, perhaps solve the prob-  
lem of support for Mau Mau,  
but it would make the farmers'  
lot twice as difficult.

Faced with this dilemma,  
some farmers are reluctant to  
agree that perhaps some of their  
key workers are in league with  
Mau Mau. Such cases are on  
record, the police say.  
It is, for example, a fact that  
the self-styled General Kimbo,  
once Kimathi's main forger,  
has made more than 200  
successful raids on farms here,  
carrying off thousands of cattle,  
sheep and goats.

It is difficult to believe that  
even such an adept rustler could  
have done this in the face of  
determined opposition from  
farm labour.

Recently, there was a case of  
a gang making off with a batch  
of pigs from a farm. The herds-  
man said that he knew nothing  
of the incident. Although inter-  
rogations were certain that he  
was lying, they could do  
nothing.  
At the Mweiga screening  
camp, I saw a young Kikuyu  
woman, of about 17 years of  
age, who had just been captured  
with a gang. She looked  
healthy, well-fed and cheery,  
and she was in no way cowed  
at the interrogations piled her  
with questions. She said that  
she had been in the forest since  
1952, which was probably true,  
but refused to answer the next  
question.  
Pointing to a patch on the  
shoulder of her dress, an inter-  
rogator asked her how she had

obtained the thread to make  
the repair. It seemed that this  
was just another example of  
how the local terrorists are re-  
ceiving a steady supply of  
necessities.

No one seems to have the  
answer to this particular prob-  
lem.

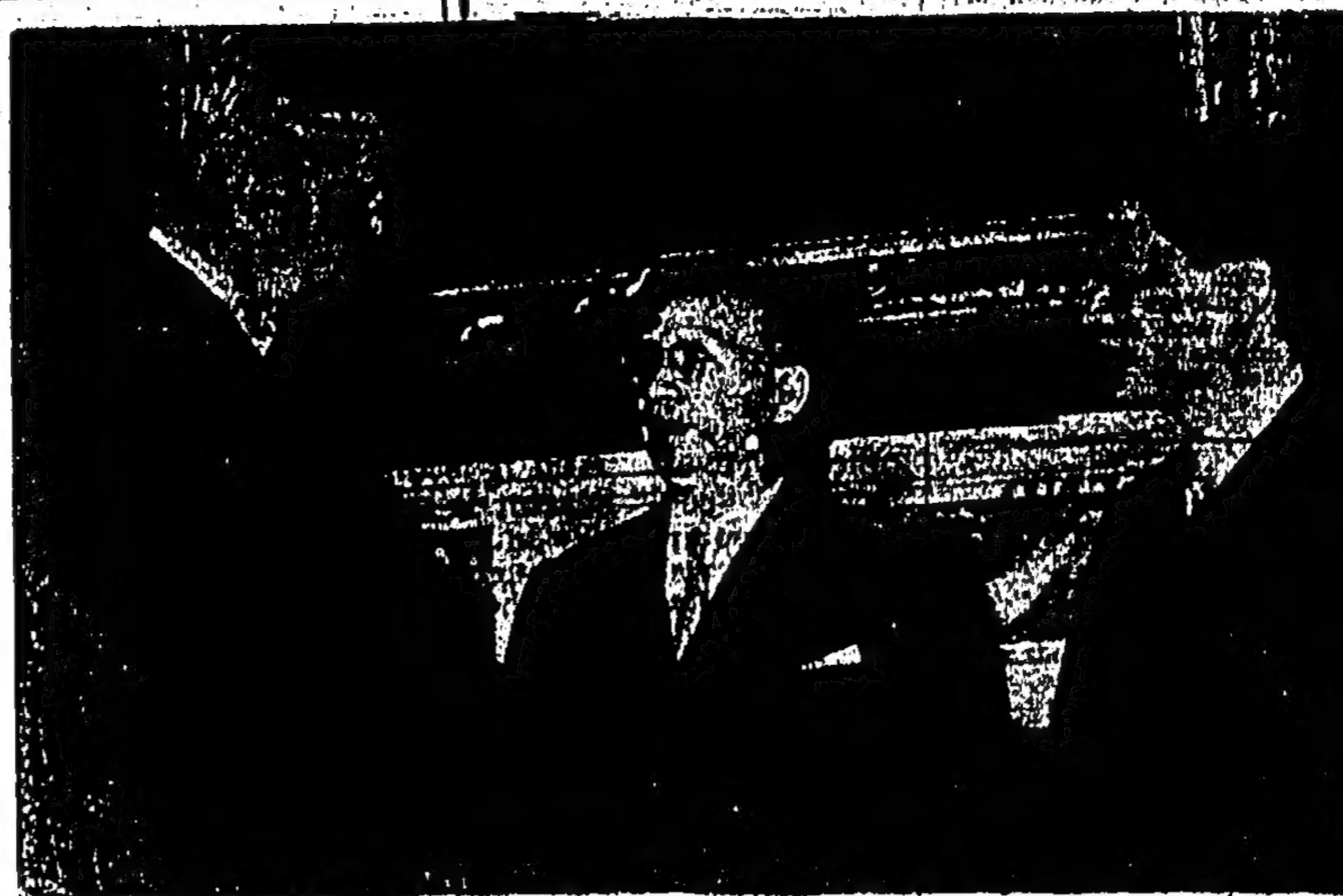
## Still Give Up

Police officials made a second,  
main point. The number of  
male terrorists surrendering in  
this area has fallen off consider-  
ably in past months. Official  
statistics, published weekly and  
monthly, put men and women  
together. Most of the women  
in this area who surrender do  
so to give birth to a baby in  
comfort.

Police headquarters in Nairobi  
admit that the stage is probably  
fast approaching when the  
terrorists will be reduced to a  
hard core, and that the num-  
ber of surrenders will continue  
to drop. Some outcasts will  
still give themselves up, but the  
majority will prefer to take  
their chance in the forest.

One reason for this is that  
many of the 2,500 terrorists  
still at large have committed  
murder or been accomplices,  
and if they surrender, their  
only prospect is a long term  
of imprisonment, possibly for  
life.—China Mail Special.

# Macmillan Meets Vietnam Minister



Vietnamese Foreign Minis-  
ter, Vu Van Man, accom-  
panied by Ngo Dinh Layen,  
Vietnamese Ambassador in  
Europe, visited the British  
Foreign Office recently to  
meet Foreign Secretary  
Harold Macmillan. Mr Vu is  
visiting his country's diploma-  
tic missions in Europe.  
Picture shows Mr Macmillan  
(left) with Mr Vu and, on  
right, Mr Ngo.—Express  
Photo

# US Establishing Antarctic Bases Near Russians

Auckland, Dec. 1.  
The United States still  
intends to establish Antarctic  
bases near the Russian expedi-  
tions headquarters, will in-  
formed sources said today.

The sources, who were close  
to Rear Admiral Byrd when he  
was here said the US will set  
up a base or bases on Knox  
Coast. This information con-  
flicts with Byrd's hint to the  
press in the US before he left.  
At that time the Admiral  
intimated that the US would  
not have enough money or men  
to set up bases earlier proposed  
for Knox Coast and Vansell bay.

Knox Coast was not men-  
tioned in operation "Deep  
freeze," but American officials  
today insisted a base would be  
established there by 1956.—  
United Press.

# Hard Times Ahead For Spinsters

Wellington, Dec. 1.  
Now population statistics de-  
liver a hard knock at New  
Zealand's reputation as a "spin-  
ster's paradise"—the supply of  
surplus males is down to 12,971.

Early in 1955 an announce-  
ment that 40,000 eligible men  
were unmarried out of a popu-  
lation of about two million  
brought thousands of letters to  
city mayors from spinsters all  
over the world.

The writers pleaded to be put  
in touch with the "surplus,"  
and the mayors often obliged.

The cold statistics do not  
show whether this changed the  
country's man-to-woman ratio.  
Total population was given as  
2,147,165, an increase of 10,962  
in three months.—China Mail  
Special.

# SHOPS SHUT IN TUNIS

Tunis, Dec. 1.  
Three-quarters of the shops  
and cafes in Tunis were shut  
today after the slaying of the  
chauffeur of the former  
Secretary of the Neo-Destour  
(Tunisian Nationalist) Party,  
Salah ben Youssef, this  
morning.  
The shops had closed in pro-  
test at the outrage. Later six  
Tunisians were arrested by the  
Tunisian police, and will ap-  
pear before a Tunisian court on  
a charge of "inciting to the  
closing of shops."—France-  
Presse.

# Monks Run Hospital For Manuscripts And Old Books

By HORACE CASTELL

Rome, Dec. 1.

A group of monks has opened a "hospital"  
for old books and manuscripts in a six-centuries  
old monastery in central Italy.

In white tunics, their hoods thrown back on  
to their shoulders, the Brothers bend low over  
high desks, working without hurry, with great  
care and infinite patience.

Their task is to cure as far  
as is humanly possible, the  
ailments of old books, manu-  
scripts, documents, original  
editions, music scores suffering  
from age, the devastation of ter-  
mites, fire, humidity, or water.

The monks are Olivetans, an  
independent branch of the  
Benedictine Order. Their  
monastery, Monte Oliveto Mag-  
giore, was founded, like the  
branch Order, in 1313. It stands  
in the shade of a wood on the  
crest of a hill about halfway be-  
tween Siena and Florence, and  
is one of the loveliest monas-  
teries in Italy.

The Institute of Restoration of  
Old Books, though the monks  
themselves call it "our clinic,"  
lies in one wing of the building.

## Half Dozen

There are only half a dozen  
or so similar institutes in the  
world, three of them in Italy,  
and the monks have enough work  
piled up already to last them for  
at least a century.

But the patience of Benedic-  
tines is proverbial. Don Mario  
Pisanti, a biochemist and director  
of the Institute, smiles and says,  
"With time, everything will be  
done."

More than patience is needed,  
however, for the highly  
specialised job of restoring de-  
crepit, time-worn books to some-  
thing like their original state.  
In fact, the high desks of the  
monks only enter the operation  
in its last stages—after the  
photographic studio, a laboratory  
and a pressing machine.

A 15th century chart of con-  
siderable historical value, for  
example, is sent by a museum  
to the Institute with the plea

that everything possible be done  
to repair the ravages caused by  
long immersion in sea water.

Experts photograph every inch  
of the chart, enlarging the pic-  
ture to several times the size  
of the chart itself. There is  
thus a perfect record of what the  
document looked like when it  
arrived.

## Reconstruction

The chart is then sent to the  
laboratories where it is disin-  
fected, sterilised and bathed in  
a chemical solution which brings  
out even the tiniest mark on the  
document. Then the paper itself  
is chemically strengthened and  
if the corners have curled, these  
are flattened.

Finally, the monks, using  
modern pens set to work to re-  
construct the practically illegible  
letters on the document, helped  
by old records, information sup-  
plied by the senders and their  
own profound knowledge.

Once they have restored the  
document to legibility, it is sent  
back to the photographic section.

When books are sent for res-  
toration, their last stop before  
the final photographs is in the  
binding department.

The monks possess over 5,000  
instruments for binding and  
inscribing the titles. Some of  
these tools date back to the days  
of the Medici. Florence's most  
powerful family in the 15th and  
16th centuries.

But many of the tools used in  
the Olivetans' Institute were  
made by themselves, Don Mario  
Pisanti told me.

"It took us several years to  
equip our Institute properly," he  
said. "Now we think the instru-  
ments at our disposal are among  
the most modern in the world."

"But our most important  
possession, I think, is our great  
love for old books."

## Original Score

The high moments of the  
monks' lives, Don Mario said,  
come when, among a pile of dis-  
coloured, ragged documents just  
sent in, they discover some lost  
masterpiece.

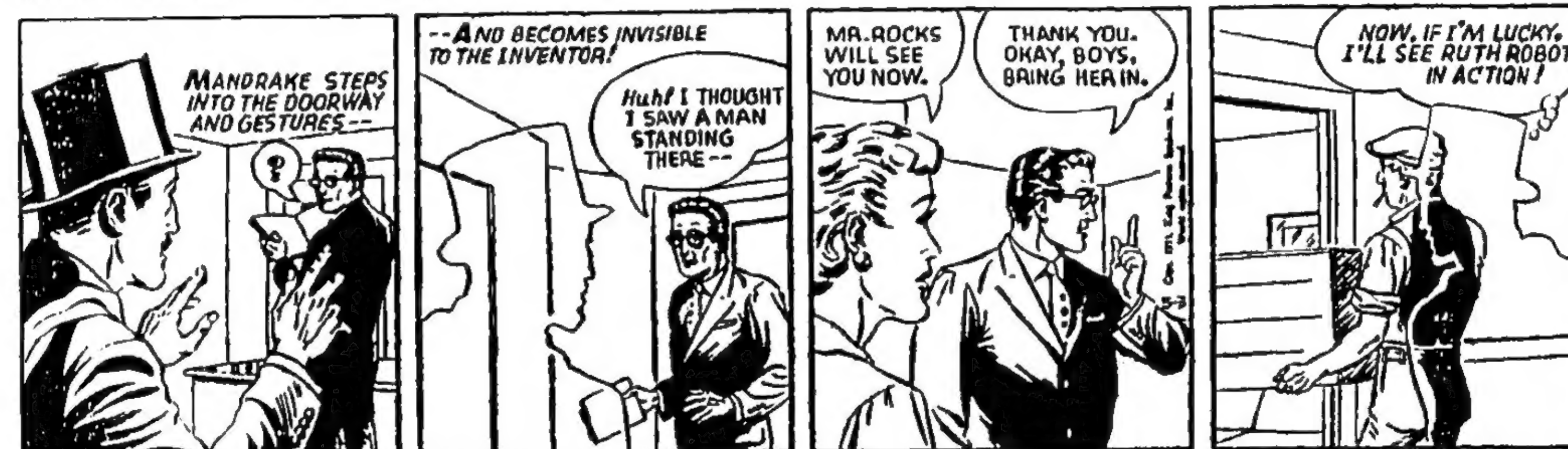
"Recently we found the  
original score of a piece of music  
by Pier Luigi da Palestrina, the  
famous 16th-century Italian  
composer of sacred music. There  
was great excitement in the  
Institute that day."

He excused himself with a  
smile and waved the sheet of  
paper he was holding.

"This is a progress report  
which we keep for each book or  
manuscript sent to the Institute  
for restoration. Every stage of  
the cure is carefully noted. And  
now I must leave you because  
an original edition has just gone  
to the tubs for a chemical bath  
and I must go and see how our  
"patient" is responding to the  
treatment."—China Mail Special.

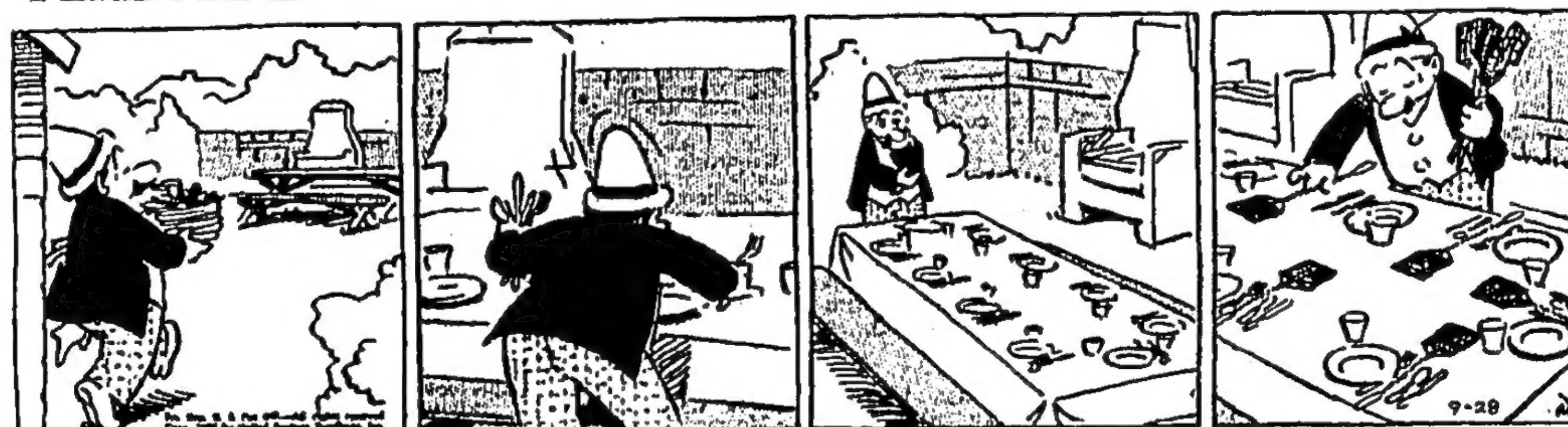
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



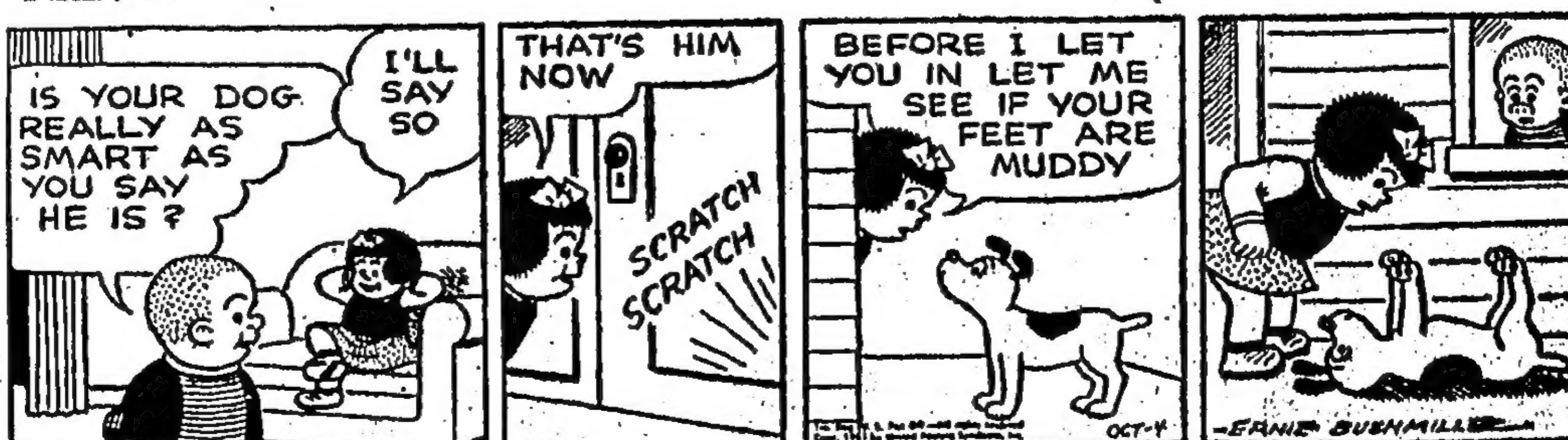
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## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



# The Girl Who Spat In Hitler's Eye

Hamburg, Dec. 1.

Germans queued at a  
Hamburg exhibition to see  
a postage stamp circulated  
in Germany during Hitler's  
regime showing a little  
girl spitting in the  
Fuehrer's eye.

The stamp is a subtle Ameri-  
can forgery included in a  
unique collection of stamps  
produced for propaganda pur-  
poses by both sides during the  
1939-45 war.

The original, issued to com-  
memorate Hitler's 45th birthday  
in 1944, showed the girl con-  
gratulating him.

A head of Field Marshal  
Erwin von Witzleben, executed  
for his part in the 1944 bomb  
plot to kill Hitler, is substituted  
for a likeness of Hitler on one  
British-made forgery, smuggled  
into Germany towards the end  
of the war. Several letters  
carrying the Witzleben stamp  
reached their destinations with-  
out detection.

The collection, which belongs  
to Hans-Joachim Horand, also  
contains a stamp printed in Ger-  
many for use in England, pic-  
turing the head of King George  
VI and Stalin, and a German  
stamp showing Hitler and Goebbels.







